(b) On 14th Chingam 1113.

(c) Yes.

(d) No.

(e) The Government cannot give out whether they accepted or not particular recommendations made by Heads of Departments.

(f) No.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Wadakkancheri).*—May I know, Sir, what is the difficulty with regard to the placing a copy of letter of the Director of Public Instruction mentioned in sub-division (d) on the table?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction).*—All correspondence between Government and their servants are confidential and such of the correspondence will be placed on the table where some public interest will be served. In this case, no public interest will be served by placing it on the table.

Students—Carpenter Class—Exemption from fees.

53. Mr. K. M. Kunhi Moideen *(Kattur).*—Will the Government be pleased to exempt the students of the carpenter class also from payment of fees?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction).*—No.

Mr. K. M. Kunhi Moideen *(Kattur).*—Are not the blacksmith class backward for complete exemption?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction).*—I refer the Hon'ble Member to the Schedule published in the Gazette. I may say for the information of the Hon'ble Member that the number of classes or communities which are being exempted from payment of fees have been going up month after month and as regards this community 'Asari' they are treated as backward and are given all the concessions that are enjoyed by other backward communities.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim *(Cranganur).*—Apart from this original number of Schedule Castes which are taken as backward, has there been any recent order exempting blacksmiths from even the half-fee?

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Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction).*—Not to my knowledge.

Grant—Ezhuvas' Public Library—Chennamangalam.

54. Mr. V. K. Krishnankutty *(Anthikad).*—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) whether the Ezhuvas at Chennamangalam have started a Public Library;

(2) whether there was any request for grant to that Library;

(3) if so, the reply given by the Director of Public Instruction;

(4) whether the Nayar Samajam have started a Library;

(5) if so, whether any grant has been given to that Library?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction).*—(1) It is not known whether the Ezhuvas at Chennamangalam have started a library; but there is a Public Library at Chennamangalam called the Public Library and Reading-Room, Chennamangalam and it has the support of the Ezhuvas of the place in particular.

(2) There were requests for grant to the Library named above.

(3) Aid cannot be given to two Public Libraries situated within a short distance of about a mile from each other.

(4) Yes.

(5) No.

Mr. V. K. Krishnankutty *(Anthikad).*—The answer is that both the Libraries referred to are not given grant. May I know whether the Library started by the Nayar Samajam is a public Library?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction).*—It is a public library in the same sense as others. It is open to all classes.

Mr. V. K. Krishnankutty *(Anthikad).*—May I know, Sir, how long the Library first-mentioned has been working?

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